

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of TRE'VON KEITH BONNER and  
DOMINIQUE KENDRA ANTOINETTE  
BONNER, Minors.

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TAWANDA NOEL BONNER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

LANTZ SMITH,

Respondent.

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July 15, 2008

No. 282572

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 04-432725-NA

Before: Fitzgerald, P.J., and Talbot and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Tawanda Bonner appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Archer*, 277 Mich App 71, 73; 744 NW2d 1 (2007). The children came into care in 2004 because respondent routinely left the children in the care of relatives or other individuals and did not provide proper or consistent care when the children were in her custody. In addition, respondent lacked stable housing and was frequently homeless.

After the children were removed, respondent never achieved a stable living situation, frequently moving from home to home between Detroit and Flint. Respondent would stay with various friends and relatives or was homeless. Concerns continued to exist regarding respondent's choice of individuals she entrusted to care for the minor children along with issues of domestic violence. Additionally, respondent never completed therapy to address the issues

that brought the children into care and continued to deny any responsibility for the necessity to place the children in foster care. Respondent's participation in therapy was insufficient to achieve greater insight into her problems or to improve her daily functioning and ability to cope with her situation and environment. Although respondent indicated her willingness to take medication prescribed for a psychiatric condition, there was no verification of her compliance with a treatment regimen. She also failed to complete random drug screens.

Respondent stopped visiting the children in August 2007 and did not even attempt to initiate contact with the children or to arrange for visitation. Respondent failed to appear for the termination hearing and her whereabouts were unknown because she failed to keep her caseworker apprised of her location or to provide a means to readily communicate with her. Although respondent was provided services and had the opportunity, over a three-year period to rectify the problems that had brought the children into care, she failed to maintain any consistent or appreciable progress toward this goal.

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio